from Bangladesh are living in Pilibhit District of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether all such refugees have been granted Indian Citizenship;

(d) if not the number of such refugees who have not been granted Indian Citizenship so far; and

(e) the time by which they are likely to be granted Indian Citizenship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (e) According to the information available 113 applications for grant of Indian Citizenship from persons who are residing in the Pilibhit District of Uttar Pradesh and who had come earlier from East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) have been received. Out of these, 111 persons had been granted Indian Citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Production of Wool in Rajasthan

3846. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of total wool production in the country being produced in Rajasthan;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for increasing wool production; and

(c) the assistance provided by the Union Government to the Government of Rajasthan for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) About 40 percent of total wool produced in the country is being produced in Rajasthan.

(b) Following steps have been taken for increasing wool production:—

(1) Upgrading of indigenous sheep through selective breeding and cross breeding with superior exotic germplasm.

(2) Production and distribution of superior rams of exotic inheritance for large scale cross breeding in fields.

(3) Assisting the State Governments to strengthen the infrastructures in their sheep breeding farms.

(4) Providing assistance for marketing of wool through State Government agencies.

(c) The financial assistance provided by the Union Government to the Government of Rajasthan for this purpose during 1990-91 is Rs. 32.50 lakhs.

Alleged conspiracy to kill Chief Election Commissioner

3847. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conspiracy has been unearthed for the killing of the Chief Election Commissioner;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the persons identified therein;

(c) whether the Government have made any security arrangements for the Chief Election Commissioner and the other employees of the Commission;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) As per an unconfirmed report received in early July, 91 two Babbar Khalsa activists had been sent to Delhi in green Maruti to make an attempt on the life of Chief Election Commissioner.

(c) to (e) Adequate security arrangements have been made for the Chief Election Commissioner and other employees of the Election Commission on the basis of the threat perception in their cases. On receipt of the unconfirmed report, Delhi Police were sensitized and security arrangements were further strengthened.

[English]

Decontrol of Fertilizer Prices

3848. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any proposal to decontrol fertilizer prices; and